

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, August 14, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chairman Randy Waldorf called the Butler County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Present were Commissioner Will Carpenter, Commissioner Jeff Masterson, Commissioner Mike Wheeler, Commissioner Dan Woydziak, Administrator Will Johnson, Jr., and Clerk Reporter Tammy Bridges.

ITEM #1 – PUBLIC HEARING – 2008 BUTLER COUNTY BUDGET

Will Johnson, County Administrator, came before the Board for adoption of the 2008 Operating Budget. The 2008 Budget encompasses net expenditures of \$34,390,068 up from an estimated \$32,687,288 in 2007 for an increase of 5.2%. Taxes levied for the 2008 budget are \$20,818,682 up from the 2007 amount of \$16,849,928. The 2008 Budget includes a 1.5% COLA for the personnel pay plan and funding for an additional EMS crew.

Commissioner Waldorf opened a Public Hearing for the 2008 Butler County Budget at 9:02 a.m.

Kay Wickwire, Director of the El Dorado Senior Center, came before the Board to ask for an increase in the budget for next year. Ms. Wickwire commented that the square footage of the facility has increased from 5,000 sf to 10,000 sf and more money is needed to cover the costs. Commissioner Carpenter stated that the Senior Center Budget has been significantly increased by 6% for next year. Commissioner Waldorf noted that the Commission appreciates Ms. Wickwire's concerns. The Senior Centers were encouraged by Commissioner Waldorf to be cautious when the facilities are expanding because expenses will increase month to month and assistance may not always be available through the County Budget.

Commissioner Waldorf closed the Public Hearing for the 2008 Butler County Budget at 9:15 a.m.

ITEM #2 – CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 07-30 EXPRESSING THE PROPERTY TAXATION POLICY OF THE BOARD OF BUTLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WITH RESPECT TO FINANCING THE 2008 ANNUAL BUDGET FOR BUTLER COUNTY

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve Resolution No. 07-30 expressing the property taxation policy of the Board of Butler County Commissioners with respect to financing the 2008 annual budget for Butler County. Commissioner Waldorf seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEM #3 – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2008 ANNUAL BUDGET FOR BUTLER COUNTY

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to adopt the 2008 Butler County Operating Budget as published. Commissioner Waldorf seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-2. Commissioners Carpenter and Masterson voted no.

ITEM #4 – PUBLIC HEARING – 2008 BUTLER COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT BUDGETS

Commissioner Waldorf opened a Public Hearing for the 2008 Butler County Fire District Budgets at 9:20 a.m.

Administrator Johnson stated that the total expenditures in 2008 for the Fire Districts are proposed to be \$1,294,549, which is up from \$1,264,465 in 2007.

Fire Chief Dan Armstrong, Fire District #3, came before the Board to discuss future consolidation of Fire District #3 with the City of Rose Hill.

Commissioner Waldorf closed the Public Hearing for the 2008 Butler County Fire District Budgets at 9:28 a.m.

ITEM #5 – CONSIDER RESOLUTION NOS. 07-31, 07-33, 07-34, AND 07-35 EXPRESSING THE PROPERTY TAXATION POLICY OF THE BOARD OF BUTLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WITH RESPECT TO THE FINANCING OF THE 2008 ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FIRE DISTRICTS #1, #2, #3, AND #7, IN BUTLER COUNTY KANSAS

Will Johnson, County Administrator, came before the Board for approval of Resolution Nos. 07-31, 07-33, 07-34, and 07-35, with respect to the financing of the 2008 Annual Budget for Fire Districts #1, #2, #3, and #7 in Butler County Kansas.

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to adopt Resolution Nos. 07-31, 07-33, 07-34, and 07-35, resolutions expressing the property taxation policy of the Board of Butler County Commissioners with respect to financing the 2008 Annual Budgets for Fire Districts #1, #2, #3, and #7. Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEM #6 – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2008 ANNUAL BUDGETS FOR FIRE DISTRICTS #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7, #8, AND #9

Will Johnson, County Administrator, came before the Board for approval of the 2008 Annual Budgets for Fire Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7, #8, and #9.

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve the 2008 Annual Budgets for Fire Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7, #8, and #9. Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEM #7 – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 07-36 AN INTENT TO ISSUE UP TO \$1,300,000 OF INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF DRISCO, LLC

Administrator Johnson introduced J. T. Klaus, Bond Counsel, Triplett, Woolf, and Garretson, who came before the Board to discuss a request from Drisco, LLC, for the County to indicate its intent to issue up to \$1,300,000 in Industrial Revenue Bonds (IRB's). These IRB's are for a business owned by Mr. Scott Doornbos for rock, asphalt millings, dirt, sand, gravel storage and transfer, and some petroleum coke storage and transfer. Mr. Klaus stated that he would return in two to three weeks for a public hearing to consider the issue of property tax abatement and to review the cost benefit analysis.

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve Resolution No. 07-36, which authorizes the issuance of up to \$1,300,000 in Industrial Revenue Bonds for the benefit of Drisco, LLC, for the purpose of purchasing, acquiring, constructing and equipping a petroleum coke crushing, screening, storage, and transportation facility, contingent on the resolution including rock, sand, and gravel transfer and storage. Bond Counsel will thereafter publish and mail the

necessary notices for the Commissioners to take up the issue of property tax exemption. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Administrator Johnson commented that First Baptist Church is ready to begin demolition on the house and the lot south of the church in order to build a new parking lot. The contractor is asking for the landfill fees to be waived in order to facilitate the development of additional parking. The policy provides for a minimum charge of \$1.50 per ton.

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to waive the landfill fees for First Baptist Church in accordance with county policy. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEM #8 – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE FOR CLINICAL EXPERIENCE FOR NURSING STUDENTS AND THE BUTLER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND ALLOW THE CHAIR TO SIGN

Carol Borger, Health Department Administrator, came before the Board for approval of the agreement between Southwestern College for clinical experience for nursing students and the Butler County Health Department.

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to approve the agreement between Southwestern College and the Butler County Health Department for clinical Public Health nursing experience and allow the Chair to sign. Commissioner Woydziak seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Woydziak asked about the flu vaccine. Ms. Borger stated that the Health Department would be receiving 900 doses of flu vaccine this year with a guaranteed delivery date of October 31, 2007.

APPROVAL OF ADDS AND ABATES

There were no adds and abates.

OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Administrator Johnson clarified information about the printers that were approved last week for the Treasurer's Department. The original Infoprint bid was \$708.00 for the 1552 printer and \$392.00 for the IPDS Card for a total purchase price per unit of \$1,100.00.

Commissioner Waldorf said he received a letter from FEMA regarding the letters of agreement for the provisionally accredited levee in Augusta. FEMA stated that they received our paperwork and the designation would remain in effect until July 25, 2009.

Commissioner Waldorf asked Darryl Lutz, Director of Public Works, about an issue regarding erosion and water runoff problems in Chelsea Meadows.

Mr. Lutz noted that the position of the Building and Grounds Director was offered to Dan Ingalls, and he will begin employment with the County on August 27, 2007. Mr. Lutz said the engineer position in the Public Works Office would be filled starting on September 4, 2007.

Following is a scheduled list of activities for the County Commission:

Tuesday, August 21, 2007 – The Lodge in Andover at 6:00 p.m.
Monday, September 10, 2007 – REAP meeting
Tuesday, September 11, 2007 – Rosalia Community Center at 6:00 p.m.
Monday, September 17, 2007 – Quad County meeting in Newton
Monday, September 24, 2007 – Andover Senior Center for Lunch

Commissioner Masterson noted that he would be absent for the commission meeting of Monday, August 27, 2007.

ADJOURNMENT

*Commissioner Woydziak motioned to adjourn the meeting of the Board at 10:15 a.m.
Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*